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Summary

Main Features

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION (ASGC) - 2011

ELECTRONIC STRUCTURES

The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) is a hierarchical classification system of geographical areas and consists of a number of interrelated structures. It provides a common framework of statistical geography and enables the production of statistics which are comparable.

The ASGC 2011 is the final edition and has a date of effect of 1 July 2011. From 2011 onwards the ABS will use a new statistical geography called the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS).

The product **Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) - Electronic Structures, July 2011** (cat. no. 1216.0.15.001) contains four comma delimited text files showing the levels and hierarchy of those ASGC structures current for the edition: the Main Structure, the Statistical Region Structure, the Statistical District Structure and the Local Government Area Structure.

Any inquiries regarding the Classification can be made by contacting the Geography Section by email geography@abs.gov.au or by writing to Locked Bag 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616.

For more information on statistical geography please visit the [ABS Geography](#) portal.

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About this Release

The Electronic Structures contains four comma delimited files showing the levels and hierarchy of the ASGC Local Government Area Structure, Main Structure, Statistical District Structure and Statistical Region Structure.

Explanatory Notes

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ELECTRONIC FILE FORMATS

DETAILED MAIN STRUCTURE ASGC Edition 2011

File Name: 'Main11.txt'

Format: ASCII comma delimited text file

Record Structure

Field 1

Level in hierarchy

- 1 = State/Territory (S/T)
- 2 = Statistical Division (SD)
- 3 = Statistical Subdivision (SSD)
- 4 = Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Field 2

ASGC Code

- S/T = 1 digit
- S/T, SD = 3 digits
- S/T, SD, SSD = 5 digits
- S/T, SD, SSD, SLA = 9 digits

Field 3 (40)

Spatial unit name

DETAILED STATISTICAL REGION STRUCTURE ASGC Edition 2011

File Name: 'Region11.TXT'

Format: ASCII comma delimited text file

Record Structure

Field 1

Level in hierarchy

- 1 = State/Territory (S/T)
- 2 = Major Statistical Region (MSR)
- 3 = Statistical Region (SR)
- 4 = Statistical Region Sector (SRS)
- 5 = Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Field 2

ASGC Code

- S/T = 1 digit
- S/T, MSR = 2 digits
- S/T, MSR, SR = 4 digits
- S/T, MSR, SR, SRS = 5 digits
- S/T, MSR, SR, SRS, SLA = 9 digits

Field 3 (40)

Spatial unit name

STATISTICAL DISTRICT STRUCTURE ASGC Edition 2011

File Name: 'SDist11.TXT'

Format: ASCII comma delimited text file

Record Structure

Field 1

Level in hierarchy

- 1 = Statistical District
- 2 = Statistical Subdivision (SSD)
- 3 = Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Field 2

ASGC code

- S DIST = 4 digits
- S/T, SD, SSD = 5 digits
- S/T, SD, SSD, SLA = 9 digits

Field 3 (40)

Spatial unit name

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS ASGC Edition 2011

File Name: 'LGASLA11.TXT'

Format: ASCII comma delimited text file

Record Structure

Field 1

Level in hierarchy

- 1 = State/Territory (S/T)
- 2 = Local Government Area (LGA)
- 3 = Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Field 2

ASGC code

- S/T = 1 digit
- S/T, LGA = 5 digits
- S/T, SD, SSD, SLA = 9 digits

Field 3 (40)

Spatial unit name

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